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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 16, 2007, please consider the following:

The claims are listed beginning on page 2 of this document.

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